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## A GOOD RULE.

If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale some one to you has told  
About another, make it pass,  
Before you speak, three gates of gold.  
Three narrow gates; first: "Is it true?"  
Then: "Is it needful?" In your mind  
Give truthful answer; and the next  
Is last and narrowest: "Is it kind?"  
And if to reach your lips at last  
It passes through these gateways three,  
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear  
What the result of speech may be.

—*American Homes.*